

# 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Program

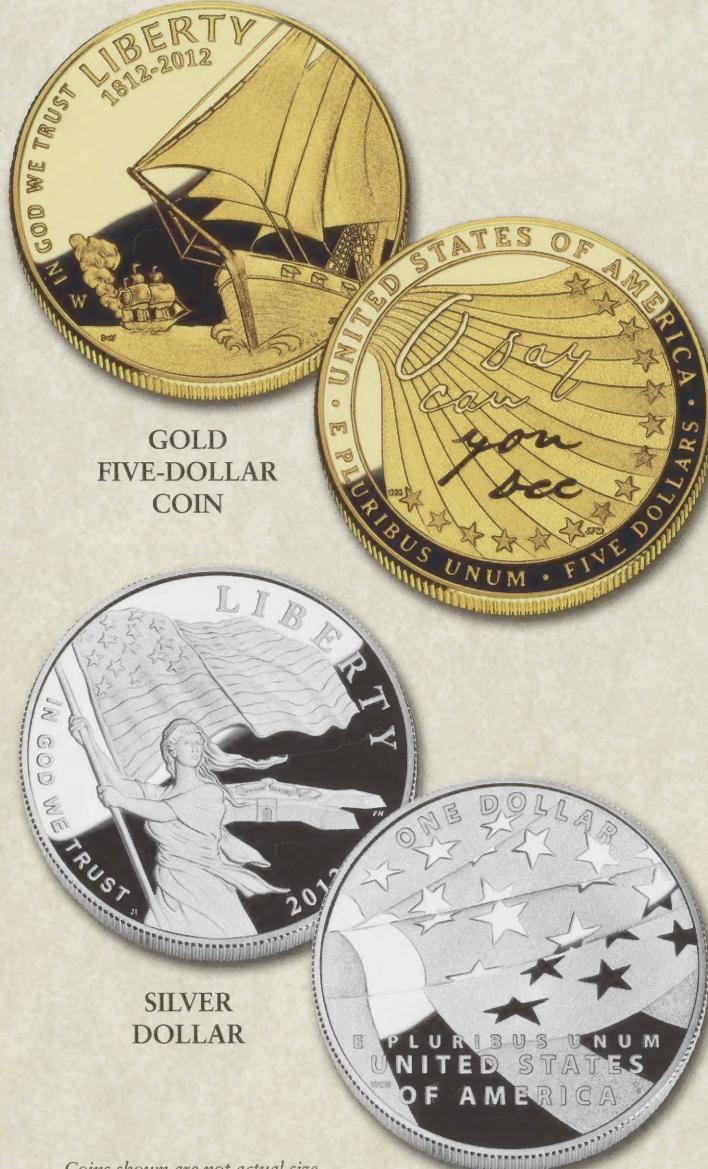


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*O*n September 7, 1814, Francis Scott Key visited the British fleet in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay to secure the release of his friend Dr. William Beanes. The elderly physician had been taken prisoner when the British invaded Washington, setting fire to several government buildings, including the U.S. Capitol, White House and Treasury Department.

Beanes' release was secured, but he and Key were held by the British during the shelling of Fort McHenry, the principal fort defending Baltimore. On the morning of September 14, 1814, after the 25-hour British bombardment of Fort McHenry, Key peered through the clearing smoke to see a 42-foot by 30-foot American flag flying proudly over it.

He was so inspired by the sight of the enormous flag that he wrote a verse he named "The Defence of Fort McHenry" to commemorate the occasion. He also included a note that it should be sung to the tune of the popular British melody "To Anacreon in Heaven." Within a month, the words had been published in papers along the eastern seaboard. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson ordered that the anthem, which had been popularly renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner," be played at military and naval ceremonies. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a resolution passed by Congress that officially designated "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem of the United States.



Coins shown are not actual size or in proportion.

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## GOLD FIVE-DOLLAR COIN

The obverse (heads side) design of the 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Gold Five-Dollar Coin is emblematic of the theme "The Battles at Sea During the War of 1812." It depicts a naval battle scene from the War of 1812, with an American sailing ship in the foreground and a damaged and fleeing British ship in the background. Inscriptions are *IN GOD WE TRUST, LIBERTY and 1812 - 2012.*

The reverse (tails side) design is emblematic of the theme "The Star-Spangled Banner" (the song). It depicts the first words of the Star-Spangled Banner anthem, *O say can you see,* in Francis Scott Key's handwriting against a backdrop of 15 stars and 15 stripes, representing the Star-Spangled Banner flag. Additional inscriptions are *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, E PLURIBUS UNUM* and *FIVE DOLLARS.*



SS1 Gold Proof\*



SS2 Gold Uncirculated\*



SS3 Silver Proof  
Introductory Price \$49.95  
Regular Price \$54.95



SS4 Silver Uncirculated  
Introductory Price \$44.95  
Regular Price \$49.95



SS5 Two-Coin Set\*

## SILVER DOLLAR

The obverse design of the 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Silver Dollar is emblematic of the theme "The Battle of Baltimore at Fort McHenry." It depicts Lady Liberty waving the 15-star, 15-stripe Star-Spangled Banner flag with Fort McHenry in the background. Inscriptions are *LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST* and *2012.*

The reverse design is emblematic of the theme "The Star-Spangled Banner" (the flag). It depicts a waving modern American flag. Inscriptions are *ONE DOLLAR, E PLURIBUS UNUM* and *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

## COMING SOON!

### 2012 STAR-SPANGLED BANNER BICENTENNIAL SILVER DOLLAR SET

The United States Mint will be offering a limited edition collectible set. It will contain a proof 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Silver Dollar, a reproduction of one of Francis Scott Key's original manuscripts of his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner," the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner," a historical narrative about the origin of the poem and period-appropriate, original artwork. Only 50,000 will be available!

#### SS6 2012 STAR-SPANGLED BANNER BICENTENNIAL SILVER DOLLAR SET

Check [www.usmint.gov/catalog](http://www.usmint.gov/catalog) often as we will post details as they become available.

## COIN SPECIFICATIONS

	GOLD FIVE-DOLLAR COIN
WEIGHT	8.359 grams nominal
DIAMETER	0.850 inch ( $\pm 0.003$ ) or 21.59 mm ( $\pm 0.08$ )
COMPOSITION	90 percent gold, 10 percent alloy
MINTAGE LIMIT	100,000 (across all product options)
MINT	West Point
MINT MARK	"W"
	<b>SILVER DOLLAR</b>
WEIGHT	26.73 grams nominal
DIAMETER	1.500 inches ( $\pm 0.003$ ) or 38.10 mm ( $\pm 0.08$ )
COMPOSITION	90 percent silver, 10 percent copper
MINTAGE LIMIT	500,000 (across all product options)
MINT	Philadelphia
MINT MARK	"P"

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The United States Mint is committed to your complete satisfaction. Return the entire product within seven (7) days for replacement or refund.

The Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 111-232), signed into law on August 16, 2010, by the President, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue up to 100,000 gold \$5 coins and 500,000 silver \$1 coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of our national anthem. According to the law, the designs shall be emblematic of the War of 1812, particularly the Battle of Baltimore that formed the basis for the lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Surcharges in the amounts of \$35 for each gold coin sold and \$10 for each silver coin sold are authorized to be paid to the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. The Commission will use these funds to support its bicentennial activities, educational outreach and preserving and improving the sites and structures related to the War of 1812.

Sales for the 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coins begin at noon Eastern Time (ET) on March 5, 2012. Introductory pricing ends on April 5, 2012, at 5 p.m. (ET).

The 2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coins are packaged in two different colors – blue or black. The blue packaging was the United States Mint’s standard packaging prior to a branding effort in 2010. In order to reduce waste, we made a determination to consume all remaining blue packaging before ordering the balance of the packaging in black. We are not able to honor requests for a particular color, as fulfillment will be random. For this same reason, returns for packaging color will not be accepted.